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STATE OF NEW JERSEY )

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COUNTY OF SOMERSET )

FRANCES HALL, being duly sworn upon her oath says:

I am the widow of the Reverend Edward W. Hall whose dead body together with that of Eleanor Mills, was discovered near New Brunswick, but in Somerset County, on the morning of September 16, 1922. At that time, as at the present time, I was living at the residence owned and occupied by me in New Brunswick. I am absolutely innocent of these crimes and have no knowledge of the persons who caused the deaths of my husband and Eleanor Mills, or either of them.

Great excitement followed the discovery of these homicides and an elaborate investigation was made by a Grand Jury of Somerset County, conducted by Wilbur A. Mott, specially selected, to collaborate with Azariah M. Beekman, then Prosecutor of this County. I attended for a full day at the Court House in Somerville while this investigation was in progress, and requested leave to appear before the Grand Jury, agreeing to waive immunity. My request was not granted. <sup>The</sup> Reinvestigation resulted in nothing and no indictment was found.

Since then I have lived constantly in my house in New Brunswick except for a period during which it was being reconstructed when I resided in an apartment nearby. I have, however, in the intermediate period taken two trips to Europe, returning the last time in April, 1925, since which time I have hardly left New Brunswick, except for one or two